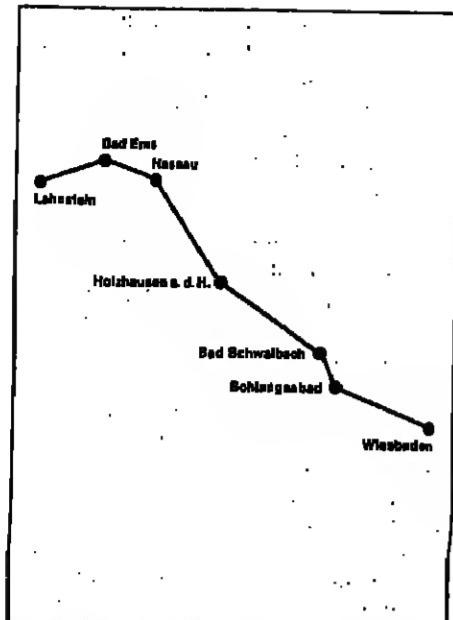


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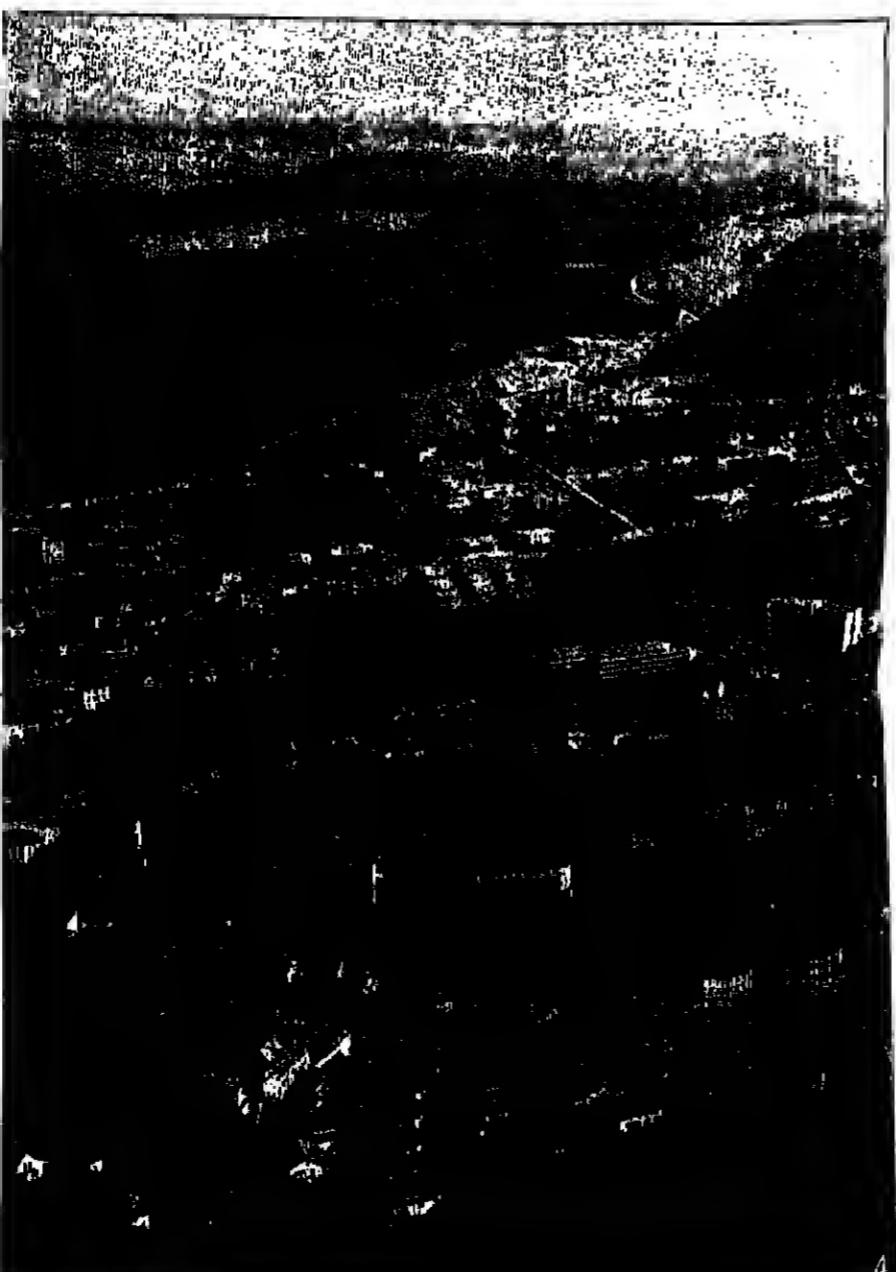
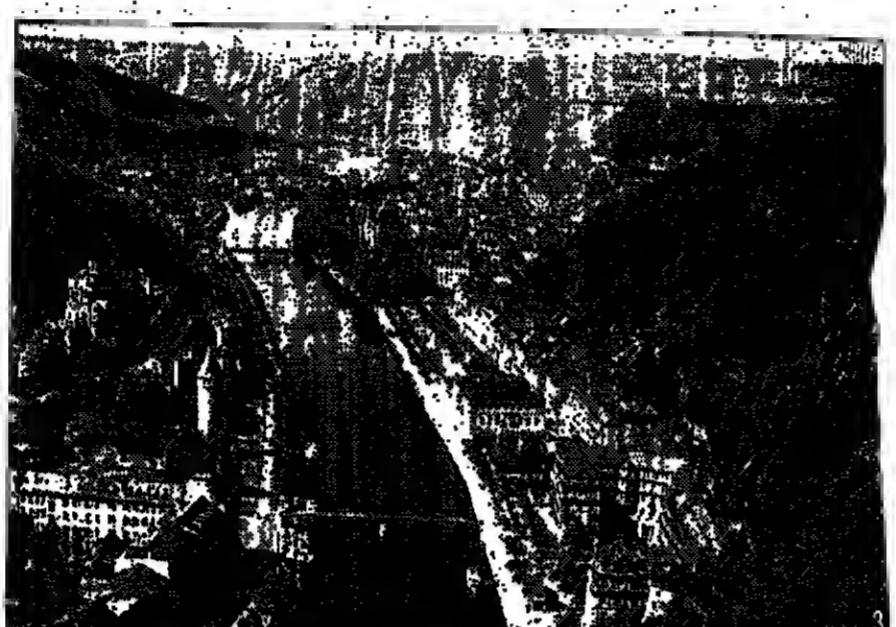
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## Ceasefire, not peace, at World Bank meeting

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I would have been unreasonable to expect harmony and general agreement among the 150 countries in Washington for the annual conference of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

The gap between industrialised and developing countries is a longstanding one, and in the run-up to the conference the atmosphere was worsened by striking clashes between the industrialised

The United States took the Federal Republic of Germany and, in particular, Japan to task with unusually strong words.

If the twin "locomotives" of the international economy failed to give world trade a fillip by lowering interest rates and boosting growth it would be virtually

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It is impossible to stem the tide of protectionism in the United States.

Germany having failed on several occasions to reduce Bundesbank lending rates, US Treasury Secretary James Baker said, with a shrug of the shoulders, that exchange rates, i.e. a further decline in the exchange rate of the dollar, would have to regulate matters.

Dollar devaluation is the sore point in the system. Exporters such as Germany and Japan stand to forfeit export earnings, while America would gain nothing from a falling dollar if inflation were to increase as a result.

Mr Baker has since intimated that he has no intention of taking the dollar's exchange rate down any further.

The protagonists may not have re-joined and embraced each other in Washington but they did show greater understanding for the other side's arguments.

This was shown by the communiqué issued by the Group of Seven, the seven

leading industrialised countries, even though Germany and, even more so, Japan were still called on to reduce interest rates and stimulate growth.

Face-saving may be the name of the game, but the debate has grown more sober and level-headed.

The latest report of the Congressional Joint Economic Committee, for instance, makes the point that boosting the German and Japanese economies could bring about only a marginal improvement to America's current account deficit.

The German Finance Minister, Gerhard Stoltenberg, has sought to persuade his opposite numbers that growth in the Federal Republic leaves little to be desired.

True, using US methods of calculating the performance of the German economy improved from a two-per-cent decline in the first quarter of 1986 to a humper eight-per-cent increase in the second quarter.

Manuel Johnson, deputy head of the Fed, frankly admits there is no need for change in German economic policy. So Herr Stoltenberg found greater understanding than ever in the Group of Seven for his argument that interest-rate reductions and economic pump-priming are not called for at present.

But the situation is one of cease-fire, not peace. Understanding is a far cry from approval. The problem of protectionism in America has yet to be resolved.

Mr Baker may well feel that the dollar and its exchange rate is an economic and power policy factor and cannot be allowed to decline aimlessly. Yet the United States undertook no binding commitment at the IMF conference, let alone promised to intervene.

In the short term it looks as though everyone but the Americans is going to try and offset exaggerated fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. There is no immediate plan of action, merely readiness to confer in an emergency, as happened when the Plaza arrangement was reached two years ago. Agreement was renewed to stem the tide of high-flying dollar exchange rate, not



Bonn President von Weizsäcker (left), is greeted by Norwegian Prime Minister Brundtland during his state visit to Norway. Centre is King Olav. (Photo: AP)

**Von Weizsäcker  
grasps need  
for sensitivity**

**Nordwest  
Zeitung NWZ**

German politicians still need to consider various emotions, memories and scepticism in some countries invaded by Hitler even 40 years afterwards.

Particularly small neighbouring countries where the jackboots of the Third Reich ruthlessly stamped on international law and protestations of neutrality.

Holland, Denmark and Norway, for instance have not forgotten.

Federal President Richard von Weizsäcker has shown himself to be almost without equal in appreciating such feelings and, what is more, in saying and doing what is right in the right place and at the right time as a result.

His address to the Bundestag on the 40th anniversary of VE Day and the end of Nazi rule proved the point and more than threw doors open to him on his state visit to Norway; many of his engagements were dedicated to both reconciliation and reconciliation.

Official visits by heads of state may not primarily serve specific political purposes, but they still give expression to the political wishes and intentions of hosts and visitors alike.

Where relations between Bonn and Oslo are concerned, they go further than the mutual desire to nurse and tend the normal political relations that have prevailed for years.

*Holst Opas*  
(Nordwest Zeitung Oldenburg,  
25 September 1986)



WASHINGTON Secretary of State Shultz (right) with Bonn Foreign Minister Genscher. They were in New York for the general assembly meeting. (Photo: AP)

**S**ummit meetings between the world's leading statesmen are generally felt always to serve a useful purpose, just as disarmament agreements are felt to make peace safer.

Irrespective of these established beliefs, a sound case to the contrary can be made out on both counts.

Summit meetings may be of value at the outset of a process of political rapprochement, with statesmen insuring each other of their desire to arrive at an understanding and drawing up a programme by which to come to terms.

The energy expended on the first Reagan-Gorbachov summit has been enough to sustain the momentum of a plethora of talks between the superpowers.

But summit meetings are mainly personal in character. They often thoughtlessly override the interests and prevailing forces behind the statesmen in the limelight, leading to misunderstanding and miscalculation.

This is a particularly distinct possibility during a period of summit diplomacy — a succession of summits held on the assumption that they might make per-

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odic headway on issues that defy classic diplomacy.

What, for instance, have European Community summit meetings really achieved in the final analysis, especially bearing in mind that they are allies?

The truth is often that the personal prestige involved in summit meetings (a factor of equal importance in democracies and dictatorships, although not such a matter of life and death in the former), leads to complicated preliminary manoeuvres and changes of position, bluffs and counter-bluffs, that tend to confuse relations between the powers.

Summit meetings suddenly develop a strange life of their own. Like a phantom they appear everywhere, sometimes seeming a distinct possibility, at others seeming less likely.

Concessions are either offered or demanded, having previously occurred to no-one yet suddenly seeming indispensable preconditions for the very holding of a summit meeting.

There has been no lack of manoeuvring of this kind in connection with the proposed and repeatedly postponed second summit meeting between President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov:

Few summit meetings have been real-

## Ceasefire

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dialogue to conduct with the Third World and a solution to find for the international debt crisis, the embers of which continue to glow.

There are increasing signs that new departures will be needed and old ideas will have to be set aside.

The Baker Plan, lavishly hailed a year ago, has yet to be applied to a single lending debtor country.

Mexico was felt to be one of the promising candidates for an International debt countertrade agreement by which countries in debt stood to make substantial savings. Western banks were to share them up with further loans and the IMF was to supervise and monitor the proceedings.

## WORLD AFFAIRS

### Summit meetings, phantoms with a life of their own

ly instrumental in bringing about important and effective agreements.

Much the same can be said of the assumption, held to be self-evident, that disarmament agreements always help to preserve peace.

Arms imbalances that upset the balance of power are risky, so are imbalances in disarmament and arms control agreements. Instead it marked an end to disarmament bids for the time being.

They are risky even if one of the contracting parties as much as gains the impression of having been caught off balance.

Agreements can in such circumstances even speed the pace of an arms build-up, with parties transferring their attention to areas not covered by the terms of the agreements in question.

This was exactly what happened after the signing of SALT 2, which although it never formally came into force was intended to be upheld by both sides.

The emergence of medium-range missiles and the strong conventional arms build-up that accompanied it on both sides spoke volumes.

SALT 2 is a striking example in another respect: one of disarmament agreements not being based on firm foundations when the contracting parties lack confidence in each other.

SALT 2 wasn't ratified by Congress because President Carter could no longer rely on a sufficient fund of goodwill after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Given the complicated nature of the subject matter, no disarmament agreement can be made so foolproof as to be self-enforcing, as it were.

The accompanying political behaviour of the contracting parties in the overall context of mutual relations must prompt a feeling of certainty that both sides are resolved to abide by the terms agreed.

When SALT 1 was signed, in President Nixon's days at the White House, the United States and the Soviet Union drew up a code of behaviour that was to govern relations between the superpowers and required them to exercise restraint at times of international crisis.

After the collapse of the Vietnam agreement and the intervention — by proxy — of Cuban troops in Angola the code of behaviour was a mere scrap of paper.

It would come as a surprise if any such package were to be agreed in Washington.

A further blockade is the likeliest prospect; it would intensify the debtors' unfortunate desire for an overall solution amounting to further financial assistance along watering-can lines.

Over \$400bn is at stake, owed by the main debtor countries alone, so it is easy to see why economically powerful countries such as Japan have lately shewn readiness to replenish the funds of the IDA, World Bank subsidiary that lends money to the poorest countries.

Rich countries are keen to keep out of the firing-line.

Otto Schwarzer  
(Süddeutsche Zeitung, Munich,  
29 September 1986)

ing President when political circumstances make it feel since the terms will not be to America's disadvantage.

So President Reagan will need to prove that he has not just agreed to terms for the sake of signing a treaty.

He must show that the terms agreed with the Soviet Union have been arrived at under no duress and strike a balance between concessions and counter-concessions.

The US Congress is in any case a complicated body that may attack the President or try to force him to pursue a particular policy but will definitely, in case of doubt, espouse the view of the other superpower held by American public opinion.

This is a point Europeans would do well to bear in mind. What they feel ought to be acceptable to the United States may not be acceptable from the viewpoint of the average American voter, say, Wisconsin.

Mr Gorbachov recently denied, in an interesting statement, any suspicion that he might be playing for time in ties with President Reagan and in reality planning to come to terms with his successor, who might prove more conciliatory.

The Soviet Union, he said, did not feel the international situation brooked any such delay. If that is the Soviet leader's genuine opinion then it is high time he acted on it.

(Der Tagesspiegel, Berlin, 21 September 1986)

### Reagan UN speech marks better East-West climate



We still don't know whether President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov will meet this year in America as planned.

Either way, the timing of the next summit is now merely a minor consideration inasmuch as the signatures on the summit document can do little more than set the seal on what can already be sensed, heard and read.

It is that US-Soviet ties are on the move, possibly leading to specific disarmament and arms control agreements and helping to preserve peace.

But he also expected understanding for his own attitude, which was governed by American security interests and by those of America's allies.

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Bodo Schulte  
(Nordwest-Zeitung, Oldenburg, 23 September 1986)

cent cut in strategic arms stockpiles is particularly noteworthy, being designed to underscore the credibility of US disarmament policy.

So one can but hope that left-wing Social Democrats and Greens in the Federal Republic who are critical of Mr Reagan will take note of his UN address and abandon once and for all their distorted portrayal of the President as a trigger-happy and power-obsessed leader.

President Reagan went in for plain speaking at the UN General Assembly.

He was prepared to reach agreement with the Soviet Union on the wider ramifications of SDI. He showed understanding for Soviet security interests.

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Adenauer made sure that an election manifesto was written before every election, but not one of them was drawn up following a discussion between the party's rank and file and its leaders.

The SPD justifies its demand for a fundamental change at the helm of power in Bonn by branding the Kohl/Genscher government as merely representing the interests of the better-off not the expense of the worse-off.

The SPD intends imposing a five per cent surtax on higher-income earners. This is not an incentive for encroachment.

The resultant additional tax revenue is to be used to stimulate the labour market.

Rau's number one confidant Matthesen called the SPD's manifesto a concrete package and the opposite of a department store catalogue.

During its Opposition years the party was able to incorporate liberal ideas and thus again became open to epulations.

For a long time CSU manifestos concentrated on Bavaria.

After losing power in Bonn there was a growing national and conservative emphasis.

In 1976 the CSU threatened to opt out of the common parliamentary group with the CDU and set itself up as a federal party, i.e. to take the CSU beyond its Bavarian frontier.

The CSU's right-wing integration campaign cannot be effected so strongly today due to the realities in Bonn.

The CSU often complains vociferously, therefore, if it feels that politics

in Bonn is too weak for Bavarian needs.

The media are paying far too much attention to the fact that the CDU wants to "give its blessing" to its manifesto during the party congress in Mainz at the beginning of October, i.e. before the state election in Bavaria.

Strauss would prefer negotiations after this election: "Fine", one hour the Chancellor says.

Of course, there is bound to be plenty of discussion during coming weeks over the content of the CDU and CSU election manifestos.

Some points will need to be more clearly defined and others shortened.

This will not alter the fact that the CDU has a manifesto which sets out to keep Helmut Kohl in power, and in all probability will.

Jürgen Wahl  
(Rheinischer Merkur/Christ und Welt, Bonn, 19 September 1986)

A fear of overloading the budget with a new debt is revealed in the Social Democrats' election manifesto.

This shows that lessons have been learned: a year ago, the SPD candidate for Chancellor, Johannes Rau, had to do some embarrassing backtracking when colleagues told him his promise to restore all social-welfare cuts by the government could not be financed.

The manifesto presented by Rau also contains many election promises ranging from a children's allowance to tax relief for low-income earners.

The main issue is unemployment. In addition, there is no commitment to a 10-year period for a nuclear energy phase-out.

Rau gives a bit more thought than the party theoreticians to the possible consequences for those employed in the nuclear industry.

The latest headlines on the ignominious sale of the Neue Heimat housing construction group are regarded by Rau as an annoying distraction.

The SPD managed to do this during the state elections in Saarland and North Rhine-Westphalia.

This, however, will be much more difficult at federal level.

There is an astonishing lack of information on who might be in Rau's government.

Although the Chancellor himself counts most many parts of the SPD election manifesto look like dead letters, since it is difficult to imagine the corresponding minister behind them.

The Bonn government parties are making the most of their opportunities by constantly emphasising the fact that they have Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg as well as Chancellor Kohl.

Rau is forced to accept suspicions that he just hasn't got men or women of the same calibre or that he doesn't really believe that he can win the election.

It is more likely, however, that Rau doesn't want to offend any of his party colleagues by naming names at this stage.

The election manifesto has reaffirmed that Rau wants to reconcile and

not divide, inside and outside of his own party.

Hermann Eichler  
(General-Anzeiger, Bonn, 24 September 1986)

## HOME AFFAIRS

### Tax, European, asylum differences lead to separate CDU and CSU manifestos

The conservative parties, the CDU and the CSU, are to go into January's general election with separate manifestos. The CSU, which exists only in Bavaria, where its leader Franz Josef Strauss is State Premier, disagrees with its bigger sister party on questions of taxation, European politics and asylum rights. It is critical of many of the policies of the Foreign Minister, Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

The result was the Godesberg Programme of 1959, which included a disavowal of the SPD's Marxist connections and a clear declaration of support for the western alliance.

Helmut Kohl was among those who realised that the CDU would have to do the same in a similar position, long before the disastrous election outcome for Kurt Georg Kiesinger, who was Chancellor during the Grand Coalition with Willy Brandt.

The Berlin Programme drawn up in 1968 was not a basic policy manifesto but did provide a new framework.

In the CDU was obliged to take up the Opposition benches and, as previously in the SPD, the whole painful programme had to be reappraised.

In 1978, after seven (!) years of discussion, the first CDU basic policy programme was adopted in Ludwigshafen.

Willy Brandt showed how little bearing election manifestos have on the policies of Chancellors.

In 1969, for example, the SPD canvassed for the votes of German exiles from the former German eastern territories by promising them a policy which would seek to recognise the German borders as they existed in 1937.

Are election manifestos superfluous? No, they aren't. But their function is not what many people think.

It was not until 1953 that Konrad Adenauer was able to claim to have a manifesto worthy of the name, the Hamburg Programme.

It contained nothing which seriously stood in the way of the day-to-day politics of the first Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Gone were the rosy days of Ahlen in Westphalia.

It is surprising that, contrary to the historical development, the claim is repeatedly made that the socialistic Ahlen Programme was a binding programme for the CDU as a whole.

The manifesto presented by Rau also contains many election promises ranging from a children's allowance to tax relief for low-income earners.

But the important thing is that financing has played a more important part.

With the general election just around the corner the government policy framework of an Opposition party is bound to undergo in election campaign slogans.

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The SPD programme makes no mention of the coalition question. The Greeks are simply ignored.

The SPD basically feels that they are superfluous anyway and are hoping to

cut the ground from under their feet by presenting itself as the true environmental party.

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## ■ INTERNATIONAL

# How behind-scenes work helped in Stockholm

**DIE ZEIT**

The Stockholm Conference on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures and Disarmament in Europe has been a success.

After two and a half years of long and tough negotiations, the Stockholm conference was more successful than anyone had expected a few months ago.

Agreement was reached on a binding arms control package, the first agreement of its kind between East and West (not to mention neutral and non-aligned European countries) since 1979.

It was also the first time in the history of disarmament that the Soviet Union had agreed, without ifs or buts, to inspect its military activities in Europe.

The veil of military secrecy that in the past has repeatedly caused political mistrust may not have been set aside completely, but it has at least been lifted.

Bonn Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher deserves some of the credit. In January 1984 he threw the full weight of his international reputation into the fray to persuade as many fellow-Foreign Ministers as possible to attend the inaugural session in the Swedish capital.

His aim, on the quiet, was to get the Americans and the Russians, Secretary of State Shultz and Foreign Minister Grunyko, back to the conference table.

Talks between the superpowers, who were not on talking terms at the time, did not go again and Herr Genscher has since untiringly followed progress in Stockholm.

Last January he persuaded his French colleague, M. Dumas, to visit Moscow and Washington with him and urge the superpowers to compromise.

Herr Genscher has shown himself to be a shrewd and successful operator in yet another respect: his choice of Klaus Citron to head the West German delegation in Stockholm.

Berlin-born Citron, 57, is a quiet German in his country's diplomatic service. Medium-height, courteous, modest and hard-working, Citron has been associated with arms control since 1974.

He is a patient workhorse and a diplomat whose talent for reconciliation did not go unnoticed in the context of occasional clashes between the Foreign Office and the Defence Ministry in Bonn.

"He was always extremely cautious," a former colleague recalls, "not a man given to striking while the iron was hot."

A German studies lecturer in Italy and France, he learnt how to handle the tools of his trade, diplomacy, on the usual ladder of promotion at the Foreign Office.

He may be said to have passed his journeyman's test with flying colours when he took over the nuclear arms control department at the Foreign Office in 1978.

Soon afterwards he was appointed deputy in the Federal government's chief arms control commissioner. Stockholm has been his masterpiece.

No-one who saw him at the inaugural session in Stockholm two and a half years ago, an unassuming and slightly stooping figure behind the broad and self-confident back of Hans-Dietrich Genscher, will have expected Citron to play more than the limited role of an exim, intelligent and well-meaning thought he might well be.

In his Stockholm years he has exceeded expectations, although he has neither wanted nor been in a position to vie with the superpower delegates for star billing.

Even now the conference is over he and his fellow-delegates from other European countries agree that no headway would have been made without the Big Two.

Stockholm could only be a success because Moscow and Washington wanted to set a precedent. But Citron has often played a decisive minor role, as is ungrudgingly acknowledged in the corridors of the Stockholm conference venue, the Kulturhuset.

Prussian-educated Citron does not feel he deserves the credit. "You are carried by the weight of the country you represent," he says.

He was pleasantly surprised to find that despite the burden of German history the contribution to peace made by the Federal Republic was acknowledged at the marathon conference proceedings in Stockholm.

Bonn, he says, lent him Herr Genscher's backing and a fine supporting cast of staff.

As many military manoeuvres subject to notification, observation and inspection by the terms of the Stockholm agreement are held in the Federal Republic, the West German delegation inevitably rated special attention in the Swedish capital.

Citron quietly, modestly, frankly and patiently put this advantage to good use. The university teacher in him has always sought to explain his country's views to others; the disarmer in him has invariably kept an eye open for ways of striking a balance.

These are qualities that might not always be to the benefit of a career in Bonn, but they made a decisive contribution toward his role at the Stockholm conference.

At 178 plenary and countless working sessions and individual discussions extremely unusual negotiations took place, first tortuously and finally at a hectic pace.

Thirty-five states were represented at Stockholm, including every European country but Albania, and all had to be reconciled and to come to terms somehow or other.

The consensus principle applied. Even if only Malta or Luxembourg had refused to agree at the last minute the entire proceedings would have been in vain.

So what mattered was to build bridges to the East, to the non-aligned states and to one's own allies, and this is Citron's forte.

His task was to gain and spread confidence, never to tire of seeking solutions to the numerous obstacles to agreement and to do so as unobtrusively as possible so as to rule out any possibility of other's losing face.

There was no lack of obstacles. Initially the views of East and West were virtually irreconcilable.

Moscow, where foreign policy was still presided over by Mr Gromyko, demanded a ban on first use of nuclear weapons, the creation of nuclear-free zones and formal renunciation of the use of any kind of force.

## Transparency

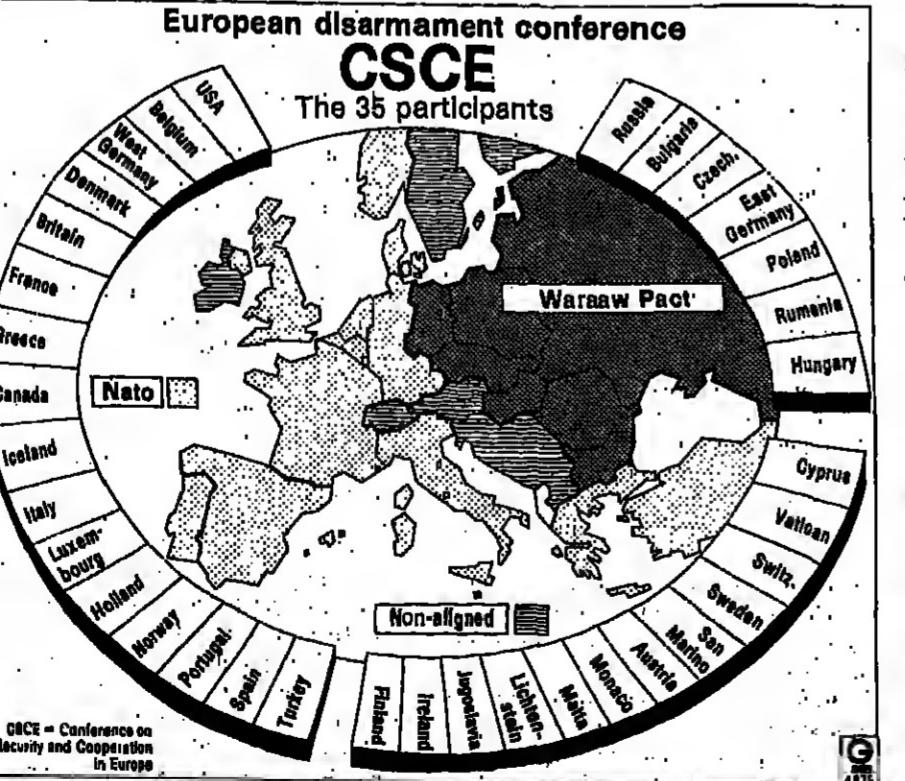
The West, in contrast, called mainly for greater "transparency" of military activities in East and West so as to reduce the risk of conflict arising from miscalculation.

If gloomy Mr Gromyko were still in charge of Soviet foreign policy progress at Stockholm might well have been limited to the exchange of irreconcilable proposals.

But his successor was appointed and the first summit meeting between President Reagan and Mr Gorbachov gave the delegations an added fillip.

The Soviets soon came to realise that they could not constantly labour the world with one new disarmament plan after another while at the same time stonewalling at the conference table.

These are qualities that might not al-



Klaus Citron ... shrewd choice

(Photo: dpa)

In July the experienced head of the Soviet delegation, Oleg Grinhevsky, suddenly referred to "effective and appropriate verification." In mid-August he went on to announce Soviet readiness to accept "one or two inspections a year in each state."

A fortnight later the chief of the Soviet general staff, Field-Marshal Akhmedov, visited Stockholm in person and said foreign inspectors could visit Soviet territory to the Urals by land and air, although aerial inspection was to be on board Soviet aircraft only.

"I have been sent here because my government feels the time has come to bring the conference swiftly and purposefully to a successful conclusion," he said.

Citron roused Soviet ire by saying immediately after the Soviet announcement that inspectors ought to fly on board neutral aircraft manned by neutral crews.

As the conference came into the home straight this clash seemed to be the crucial point at issue, but Washington suddenly waived its objections and differences were resolved.

The terms agreed after two and a half years of talks are:

- From January 1987 notification of manoeuvres and troop movements in Europe involving over 13,000 troops or 300 tanks must be given at least 42 days in advance.
- Observers from all countries that are parties to the agreement must be invited in good time to attend manoeuvres involving over 17,000 men.
- An annual calendar of military engagements is to be exchanged.

• Three times a year every country must submit to inspection, with no objections permitted, this being a breakthrough from which other agreements seem sure to benefit.

Citron feels the results aren't at all bad and definitely, on this point as on others, suggests the following lessons to be learned for future negotiations:

- The crucial point is not to set too high a target. Arms control, he says, can only be achieved gradually, or so it seems.
- In common with many fellow-delegates at Stockholm he is convinced the negotiations only came to a successful conclusion because a deadline had been set.

Delegations had to spend the final weekend adding the finishing touches before quitting the hospitable Kulturhuset, thenceforth to be dedicated solely to the arts.

As delegates finished their deliberations

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## ■ PERSPECTIVE

## An attempt to uphold some Prussian cultural values

This heritage to good use in present and future art and education policy.

The various powers that be in the Federal Republic, sometimes jointly, sometimes at odds with other, eventually arrived at a solution that can now be said to have proved a longstanding success.

That in itself is remarkable inasmuch as the dispute took place at a time when preoccupation with history, especially the history of the state to which the Prussian cultural heritage owes its origins, was unpopular.

Today, as commemorations to mark the tenth bicentenary of Frederick the Great, and especially the address by Federal President Richard von Weizsäcker, have shown, we have a much less biased and critical relationship to the history of the state in question.

History in general is more highly valued, not as a collection of examples suitable for emulation but as participation in the past with a view to learning more about ourselves.

Yet the tortuous route by which we have found our way back to this point of view, after suppressing so much of history recent until past history seem to have generated an inferiority complex here and there.

The idea that the former Prussian cultural heritage could only be administered jointly by all successors to Prussia was erroneous, the court found, because Prussia had been abolished once and for all and there was thus no reason why a new legal custodian should not be appointed.

Besides, the Prussian cultural heritage, inasmuch as it is covered by the statue of Frederick the Great is replaced on its pedestal in East Berlin and the GDR takes greater care of the historic architecture of Prussia and other vanished states because the system and ideological groundwork of the GDR is suddenly no longer felt to be a sufficient foundation for tradition?

Some view this trend with alarm, others note with a note of approval that in connection with the Spartan reality of the GDR and its restoration of the past something along the lines of a romantic, attractive "Old Germany" might take shape.

Anyone who feels this way inclined must in full honesty go one step further. The GDR's "Old Germany" in that it retains authoritarian and far from romantic rule and gives no rein in political reality to the few tendencies toward democracy in German history.

After this Constitutional Court ruling the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation was set up, with Federal government participation and that of Baden-Württemberg, Berlin, North Rhine-Westphalia and Schleswig-Holstein. The course events took is outlined here in such detail as an example of how seriously, albeit in pursuit of different interests, efforts were made to come to terms with the major cultural achievements left behind by the state of Prussia.

The aim, "under the aegis of Basic Law," as former Berlin Arts and Science Senator Werner Stein put it, was to put

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## Exhibits stored in museums and libraries

Like many other institutions in the Federal Republic of Germany the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation in West Berlin was set up "pandering fresh arrangements following reunification."

Its statutory task is to maintain, care for and add to the Prussian cultural assets with which it has been entrusted on behalf of the German people.

It started work on 25 September 1961, twenty-five years ago. Its silver jubilee was commemorated at a ceremony in the Staatsbibliothek in Berlin attended by Federal President Richard von Weizsäcker.

The foundation currently comprises 15 museums, five public libraries and

the Secret State Archives, plus a staff of 1,600 and a DM150m-plus budget funded equally by the Federal and Land governments.

The former museum buildings, some badly damaged during the Second World War, were mainly in East Berlin. Much of the stock was evacuated from Berlin too.

So the foundation's initial preoccupation was with setting up and fitting out exhibition facilities, including the 1971 annex to the storehouse of the Museum of Ethnology in Dahlem, Berlin.

This complex now houses the foundation's art and sculpture galleries, the collection of etchings, part of the ethnology museum and the museums of East Asian, Islamic and Indian art.

Other Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation facilities include the Berlin Nationalgalerie, designed by Mies van der Rohe and opened in 1968, and the Staatsbibliothek, designed by Hans Scharoun and opened in 1978.

(Hamburger Abendblatt, 22 September 1986)

## BOSCH ANNIVERSARY

# The firm that makes widgets for every human need

**R**obert Bosch was far-sighted both as a human being and as an entrepreneur, said Bmn President Richard von Weizsäcker. He was speaking at a ceremony in Stuttgart to mark the 125th anniversary of the birth of Robert Bosch and the 100th anniversary of the firm he founded. Bosch set new standards in social attitudes, efforts to promote International understanding and in the field of charity, said von Weizsäcker. Bosch today has a payroll of about 140,000. Von Weizsäcker described Bosch as one of the pioneers of the eight-hour working day, which he introduced in 1906. He pointed towards Bosch's impassioned support for the idea of a United Europe as a sign of the farsightedness of the company founder who died in 1942.

A famous advertising slogan tells us that "the world is full of Degensteins". A more accurate slogan would be "the world is full of Bosch".

Anyone who drinks germ-free milk in curtains, drills plug holes in the wall, listens to the radio while driving, opens the garage door via remote control, watches TV or makes a phone call is surrounded by products from the electricals firm Bosch.

The world and above all the Federal Republic of Germany owes this fact to the company's founder, Robert Bosch, who was born 125 years ago on 23 September, 1861.

The company he founded, the Robert Bosch GmbH, will be 100 years old on 15 November this year. It has a world turnover figure of DM21bn.

The double anniversary was celebrated in Stuttgart in the presence of the President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Richard von Weizsäcker, and 2,000 West German and foreign guests.

Bosch was always a special and unconventional firm which stood out from the rest.

It quietly and almost unassumingly consolidated and reinforced its position on the market.

It was led by striking personalities, including Robert Bosch himself and the post-war chairman of the company's supervisory board, Hans Merkle.

Modern cars are hardly imaginable without Bosch products.

The Stuttgart-based company almost monopolises certain market segments, for example, electronic fuel-injection devices.

Customers are not too pleased about this predominance, especially the car industry.

In this period of rapid industrial expansion Robert Bosch single-mindedly began translating technological innovations into economic success.

His successors stuck to his only apparently simple recipe for success.

More than anything else the firm Bosch owes its unique success on international markets to its consistent application of the latest technological developments.

In a newspaper advertisement in the *Beobachter* in 1887 it offered its services for "telephones, telegraph systems at home, the professional testing and installation of lightning conductors, the installation and repair of electrical appliances and all work connected with precision engineering".

During its first year of business the firm had a turnover of DM5,000.

As early as 1887 the trained precision engineer Bosch produced his first ignition device for gas engines.

By 1891 the sale of ignitions for incu-

lators in the world to start series production of diesel fuel-injection pumps.

Mechanical petrol fuel-injection pumps for cars were first produced after the war and the electronically controlled fuel injection system Jetronic was launched in 1967.

Today Bosch is a world enterprise. It has firms in 130 countries; its foreign plants account for 54 per cent of turnover; and it employs 140,000 people worldwide.

The fact that 5,300 jobs were created in 1985 in the Federal Republic of Germany alone shows how dynamic the company is. Another 4,000 jobs are expected this year.

An already legendary anecdote shows how proud Bosch workers are of "their" firm.

During a quarrel with his playmate a young lad allegedly said: *Halt der Bosch, mein Vater schafft beim Bosch* (No more tools, my dad works for Bosch).

Company founder Bosch always showed that he had a heart for his workers. In 1906 he introduced the eight-hour working day, convinced that it was the most "economically efficient and acceptable" solution to maintain the ability to work.

In accordance with his last will and testament the charitable Robert Bosch foundation was set up in 1964.

This foundation owns roughly 90 per cent of the company shares and thus of company profits too.

It has provided money to promote health and welfare work, educational activities, international understanding, art, cultural activities as well as research and teaching in the arts and sciences.

Bosch is still primarily involved in the production of car accessories, which ac-

counts for approximately 55 per cent of company turnover.

Yet the company has also edged its way into other markets.

Bosch is everywhere, from the refrigerator to the car radio (Blauwunkt), from the handyman's drill to medical electronics, from the most basic TV camera to the most modern communication systems, from the packaging machine to satellite technology.

The company's ideas have always helped ensure greater economic growth.

Gert Goebel  
(Mannheimer Morgen, 23 September 1986)

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There were differences of opinion between Hamburg and neighbouring Altona, in those days Prussian, and other main north-south traffic arteries, such as the Norderelbe Bridge, had just been built.

In the years that followed industrial development increased by leaps and bounds in the Port of Hamburg, which was extended further and further south.

Ferries were soon unable to provide enough services. Workmen and port operators were increasingly dissatisfied, especially as hunting to and from work was no fun in winter.

Yet no-one in authority seriously ventured to back tunnel plans until the turn of the century. Repeated considera-

tion was given to alternatives such as bridges.

They were joined by 141,000 cyclists and 385,000 motor vehicles.

But bridges would need to be towering edifices. Large sailing ships as tall as

stone age, but the "wise-application of machines" to allow everyone to participate in the fruits of progress.

Although this may sound fanciful and naive fifty years later anyone who studies the life and achievements of Robert Bosch will soon discover that his demand had practical intentions.

Only those, for example, who believe that the problems of an automotive society can be solved by simply doing away with cars are really naive.

What is needed is the proper use of technology to make sure that cars do not pollute the environment, use up less energy and are made safer.

Cars provide mobility, but they also pollute the environment; new production techniques often make human labour superfluous.

The risks associated with new technologies have become more obvious and their opportunities are either seen in more relative terms or denied altogether.

Both technology experts and politicians were not prepared for this swing in public opinion.

All too often their reply to the concern about the consequences of technological developments has been a complacent "Clip, Clip, Hurray" mentality, which presumed that the euphoria of the early years of industrial expansion would return if it was invoked long enough.

As a result the rift between those who feel that every engineer is a narrow-minded technocrat and those who equate any doubts about the blessings of progress with an uncalled-for prophecy of doom has widened.

As early as the 1930s Robert Bosch made efforts to reconcile these extremes.

The solution to modern-day needs, he wrote during the Great Depression, was not a return to a non-industrial



He Ignited It... Robert Bosch  
(Photo: Archive)

## TRANSPORT

# 75th birthday of the first tunnel under the Elbe

In the early years of the century it took Hamburg a while to start building the first Elbe Tunnel, proposed back in 1872 by Senator Versmann as a combined road-and-rail tunnel.

They were duly impressed yet by a month later when the tunnel was opened to vehicular traffic the Elbe Tunnel had become virtually a matter of course for the thousands of dockers and shipyard workers who used it daily.

Hamburg celebrated the 75th anniversary of the smaller of the two Elbe

church steeples would need to sail under them.

The idea of a twin tunnel did not gain gradual acceptance until the early years of this century, reference being made to the Clyde Tunnel in Glasgow.

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It was hard work. The Steinwerder shaft soon struck water. At the northern end, in St Pauli, there was less trouble, with no water seepage through the clay soil.

Workers slowly tunneled their way under the river, moving five to six feet a day, failing incidents.

Incidents included a cave-in on 24 January 1908, when water and sand rushed into the workings. But no-one was hurt and work was resumed three weeks later.

Dangerous fires twice broke out, but the most serious problem was a complaint known as caisson disease that affected tunnel workers.

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Kurt Plog  
(Der Tagesspiegel, Berlin, 18 September 1986)

ly injured and 615 suffered minor injuries of this kind, he noted in his comprehensive report.

Their work was hard by any standards: Sixty men in three shifts worked round the clock in an atmosphere so humid as to make conditions particularly tough.

On completion the tunnel was to prove a great success. There were next to no accidents until the Second World War, when bomb raids hit Steinwerder hard.

The shaft building on the St Pauli side was also damaged and not provided with a new copper roof until 1961.

Dredging to keep shipping lanes clear later posed problems when the tunnel roof seemed likely to be too close for comfort.

Deepening the lane from 10 to 12 metres was felt to pose safety problems, so the tunnel was closed for over a year in 1982 while its roof was reinforced from the river bed.

But the 75th anniversary celebrations went ahead without a hitch. Hamburg people held annual celebrations to mark the port's "birthday," so this year was a welcome opportunity to celebrate twice.

When the Port of Hamburg was set up, nearly 800 years ago, is shrouded in mystery. The exact date is not really known. But history definitely records the date on which the Elbe Tunnel was opened.

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Retail prices have for years failed to cover costs, so despite surplus capacity prices are to be increased by five per cent next year.

Herr Dollinger is strongly in favour of the pushbike as an alternative to motor transport — provided safety is improved.

The number of cyclists killed on the roads was down by nearly 60 per cent on 1970, he said, but efforts to make roads even safer for cyclists must be redoubled.

Motorcycle sales have plummeted 40 per cent in three years and the trend is worldwide. But manufacturers say the rot has been stopped. New registrations this year seem likely to equal last year's 80,000.

In the long term, Herr Dollinger said, the motorcycle could only hope to remain an attractive mode of transport if accident figures were reduced to a reasonable level.

He hoped better driving instruction and new driving licences would improve matters. Motorcycle licences have been gradually, with successive age and engine limits, since April and new driving licences are to be issued provisionally from November.

Road safety also stood to benefit from design improvements to new models.

Regulations are to be introduced

## ■ EXHIBITIONS

## Frankfurt gallery confirms its brash character

**Allgemeine Zeitung**

The inaugural exhibition at Frankfurt's new city-centre art gallery, Schirn, is as brash and self-assured as the gallery is in appearance, having elbowed its way into the historic Alstadt.

"Prospect '86" is claimed to be the most comprehensive exhibition of contemporary art ever held in Frankfurt. Its aim, and the gallery's, is to lend a further boost to the city's reputation as an art metropolis and not just a commercial and banking centre.

The idea was not born in the bosom of the uncouth new building; it was the brainchild of Peter Weiermair, curator of the nearby Kunstverein.

But the Kunstverein was too small, both financially and in exhibition area, to handle such a project on its own, and Schirn's curator Christopher Vitell was persuaded to back it too.

The city of Frankfurt contributed over DM500,000 toward the DM850,000 or so it will cost, so there was ample scope for a full-scale show.

Weiermair was in sole charge, enjoying both municipal cash and the unswerving confidence of the city fathers.

He made full use of his extensive contacts with galleries and artists in Europe and the United States, booking work fresh from the easel and specially commissioning concepts for complicated hanging areas.

Essentials agreed from the outset included limitation to painting and sculpture and to work two years old at most and, programmatically and controversially, proof that neo-Expressionism has parted company with contemporary art.

Weiermair sees the outlook for art from the second half of the 1980s in a reversion to historic means of expression and their re-evaluation in a detached and analytical quotation.

No trace remains in the 3,600 square metres of exhibition space in both buildings of the glaring self-portrayal by artists such as Hockney, Zimmer, Bach, Salomé, Middendorf or Fetting (or, for that matter, Immendorf, Penck, Baselitz or Lüpertz) that has predominated for the past 10 years.

Prospect, the title of the exhibition, is interesting in several respects. It refers, in the context of painting, to a realistic portrayal from a central perspective.

In economic German it means a clear statement of financial circumstances. In advertising it means clear and concentrated product presentation.

Weiermair also deliberately refers to similar exhibitions held with similar objectives in Düsseldorf in the 1960s and are presumably intended to be continued in Frankfurt now.

The Kunstverein's curators would also like his exhibition to be seen as a connecting link between the Venice biennale and Documenta in Kassel, more modest in size and presentation but not in what it has to say.

The centrepiece of the exhibition is the seemingly endless length of exhibition hall in the body of the new gallery, which is here first used to maximum ef-

foot without conveying an impression of claustrophobically limited space.

The glass facade looking out onto the Römer, Frankfurt's medieval city hall, is uncluttered, allowing daylight to flood into the building.

The ongoing trend toward monumental formats has prompted hanging successive sizes of painting on partition walls arranged at right angles to the longitudinal axis.

At the end of the main hall one of the few established artists to survive Weiermair's strict selection procedures, Frank Stella, is on show.

Stella's spatialisation of colour, which has preoccupied him since the 1960s, now extends into the third dimension in two seemingly Baroque, gaily coloured bas-reliefs.

The most striking features reflected by the exhibition include the growing trend toward renewing acquaintanceship with constructivism, albeit in an ironically broken manner and in thoughtfully playful combinations.

Abstract Painting with Standing Figure, by Donald Baechler of Switzerland, is a case in point.

### Formal clarity

So are Jonathan Borowsky's statue "Space Head" at 2,968,932; Mark Kostabi's oil painting "13.31 Hours"; Julian Opie's wall objects; Peter Schuyff's paintings; Joel Shapiro's wooden statues; Jose Maria Sicilia's artistically overgrown Mondrian paraphrases and Philip Taaffe's geometrical patterns.

Younger generation painters are particularly keen on the formal clarity of classical forms, as exemplified in works such as Edward Allington's Aphrodite Debased. Then there is Bertrand Lavier's 1/9, a tin can encased on a quasi-antique pedestal; Claudio Parmiggiani's In the Direction of Byzantium and work by Luigi Stosa.

But then, in 1913, the famous Armory Show was held in New York, featuring the main masters of modern European art.

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Bathing Nymphs, 1917, Eliahamiua. On show in Cologne.

(Photo: Museum Ludwig)

## Time-related parallels, not to mention simultaneous impulses

The inaugural exhibition at the Ludwig Museum in Cologne, entitled "Europe/America — The Tale of an Artistic Fascination Since 1940", is in keeping with both the dimensions of the new museum and the main emphasis of the Ludwig collection.

It may not be a new topic in itself. Many exhibitions have dealt with it over the past 40 years and it has been the subject of repeated debate.

Many of these exhibitions have shown that the fascination here limited to contemporary art and artists is really much older.

Rafael Jiblonka, who shares with Siegfried Göhr responsibility for the Cologne exhibition, begins his wide-ranging catalogue commentary with the ill-fated encounter between Cortez and Montezuma.

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European artists themselves, including Josef Albers, Lyonel Feininger, Moholy-Nagy, Fernand Léger, Max Ernst, Masson, Mondrian, Lipschitz, Zadkine, Tanguy and others.

The Cologne exhibition begins with the post-war situation.

Its declared aim is not to prompt an art history approach.

The emphasis is not on successive styles, schools or directions; neither influence nor dependence is to be underscored (although both inevitably come to light).

The aim would seem to be a portrayal of more or less coincidental time-related parallels, simultaneous impulses, tendencies, means of expression and principles of design on both sides of the Atlantic.

But this claim can be made for any exhibition dealing with trends in Western art since 1940.

How thoroughly the exchange is a reciprocal one is shown, for instance, by the fact that some of the most important purveyors of new ideas from America aren't Americans.

Albers came from Bottrop in the Ruhr, Hans Hofmann was a Bavarian; Lindner, who is not on show in Cologne, was from Hamburg.

Duchamp was French, de Kooning Dutch; Gorky Armenian, Rotko Russian.

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## ■ LITERATURE

## Exhibition of forgeries that made history

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Establishment of the Pontifical State are based on the famous Gift of Constantine.

During the Inquisition it was classed as heresy to doubt the authenticity of this document.

Even the pope's right to convene Vatican councils is based on a fake document, which was only officially acknowledged as such in 1983.

A forged letter to the British Communists from the head of the Comintern Sinovjev in 1924 was partly responsible for the fall of the British government.

The underlying motive for forgeries was to become famous and respected. In many cases forgers hoped that fake historical "discoveries" would guarantee recognition as scholars.

The photographs painted by the French abbe Domenech allegedly depicting prehistoric symbols from America are representative of this forgery genre in the exhibition.

A desire for admiration, personal rivalry and political intrigue also motivated many historical forgeries.

Ignoring the begging letters and the dispensations of indulgence during the Middle Ages, economic motives did not play a major role for forgers until the 19th century.

And one of Goethe's literary rivals already published *Wilhelm Meister's Wanderjahr* in 1821 after he found out that the real Goethe was working on a book with this title.

As early as the 13th century there was a thriving forgery workshop in Acre (Palestine), which also completed large-scale orders.

Even under Innocent III in papal Rome a gang of literary forgers had set up business in the curial administration despite the fact that this pope was a particularly unrelenting punisher of this crime.

In many cases he ordered that the right hand of the forgers be chopped off or that they be executed.

Many forgeries, however, were not discovered at all or only at a later date. Monks and abbots themselves were often the forgers or their accessories.

Their aim was to free the monasteries of secular interference and re-establish a divine order.

One result is likely to be that tomorrow's student might be forced to follow in the footsteps of yesterday's: go and look for books in whichever part of the country they are instead of, as today's students do, sit tight and wait for the books to come to them.

The proposals have been submitted by the Science Council in Cologne. They envisage more than just removing literature which can be classified as dispensable or outdated from the stocks of the SG university libraries. Also wanted is a reform of the stocking system.

One suggestion is that books which are more commonly required be stocked in all university libraries, whereas those which are less frequently used, are more valuable or of which there are only a few copies should be concentrated in just a few libraries.

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Yet comparisons and similarities as seen in Cologne also testify to honest disputes and differences in affinity, as for instance between Franz Kline and Soulages, between Pollock and Dubuffet, between Wols and Gustav.

No expense was clearly spared in presenting an impressive Euro-American panorama. Few major names are missing.

Glaring gaps in the museum's own stock that would otherwise be bound to stand out in these inaugural weeks are astutely offset by works on loan.

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**D**avid Frankfurter once wanted to have nothing to do with Germans — yet for almost exactly 20 years, he has been associated with German-Israeli youth exchange schemes.

He met his first young German workers, students and teachers from Witten in the Ruhr, at an Israeli youth village in 1966.

They were frank, enthusiastic and totally different from what he had expected:

Frankfurter, born in Czechoslovakia in 1923, emigrated to Palestine at 16, just before the German invasion of Prague. He wanted nothing more to do with Germans.

Yet since that day in 1966 he has worked as a trade unionist, as a member of the Israeli Labour Party, as welfare attaché at his country's embassy in Bonn and then back home in Israel on exchange schemes.

German-Israeli youth exchange is flourishing, he says in the glinting midday heat at the long table where German visitors are conferring with Israeli organisers.

People like him deserve much of the credit for overcoming strong resistance and launching what has become an extensive youth exchange programme. About 3,000 young Israelis a year visit the Federal Republic and about 7,000 young Germans visit Israel, with financial backing from the Federal government.

Many more young Germans visit Israel on their own, with sports clubs, choirs or

## ■ YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHEMES

# Looking back on 20 years of Germans on the kibbutz

and of the historic lesson that crimes against the Jewish people were not inevitable but committed by people, and that people could have prevented them."

She would like group leaders to be given special training to ensure that youth exchange with Israel does not come to be seen as no different from exchange schemes with other countries.

There were, she said, times when young Germans arrived in Israel with too scanty a knowledge of history, only to return home shocked.

Israel's third generation in contrast is at times tired of its own history. Unlike Jewish émigrés, young Israelis learn only the worst aspects of Germany and German history.

They may not be hostile but they are detached. It is as though they wonder "why it has to be Germany" or "do I have to have a German as a friend?"

Some Israeli parents asked these questions when their children planned a school visit to Cologne this spring.

But when Arie Eldar, history teacher at Tel Aviv High School, made a head count he found there were many more applicants than he had places available.

"It was far more encouraging than we had been expecting," he says. A further visit is to be arranged next year.

Young Germans are frequently encountered in Israel. They feel the time they spend there is important for them, even though it may often differ from what they had been expecting.

Preparations were also to be improved, as was training of group leaders, who were to be taught more Hebrew. A new youth hostel by the Sea of Galilee is under construction, with German financial support, to improve opportunities of mutual encounter, she said.

The youth foundation, financed by annual issues of commemorative stamps with a youth surcharge had provided DM1.5m in funds toward the cost of the scheme.

Today's young Germans and Israelis differ from their parents in their view of history.

Frau Süssmuth ended her six-day tour of Israel by visiting German volunteers doing social work there as an alternative to conscription.

A tourist trip took her to the Dead Sea. She had earlier visited hospitals and youth centres.

(Bremmer Nachrichten, 6 September 1986)

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der Israelis and learnt at least a little about Israel today.

Meeting volunteers from other countries was fine and, as she says: "The work itself is an experience."

Karl-Heinz Pastors, 33, a Ruhr clergyman, says there aren't many countries you can get to know so intensively as Israel.

There aren't many countries where people are so frank and friendly toward foreigners and where you are spoken to in the street and invited to visit people.

He didn't visit Israel with a sense of guilt, but he was keen to show Israelis the Germans, today are different.

This was his third visit with a student youth group. Everyone who has visited Israel is keen to come again, he says.

At a time when young people can readily make their holidays a combination of say, English lessons and tennis, or hiking and learning French in the south of France, deciding to visit Israel instead is often a clear decision.

Some visitors may come as mere tourists or holidaymakers, but most are politically aware. They are young Germans who are aware of minority rights and problems, only to come across the Arab minority in Israel.

A few youth volunteers from Germany spend their civil (as opposed to military) service helping Arab citizens of Israel.

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How many people would say they felt fully satisfied, had no cause for complaint and were, in a word, healthy? Most would qualify the statement even if they felt healthy.

Even stopping to think about one's own well-being is bound to trigger doubts or, at least, an uneasy conscience.

Reminders may regularly trigger waves of jogging and diets, but the fitness craze, aimed at peak performance, has prompted doctors to warn against overdoing it.

When doctors refer in increasing number to it being time for a "new health awareness" they mean it is time to reconsider what we mean by health.

The WHO's statutory definition, a state of total physical, mental and social well-being, sounds little short of utopian. Yet it corresponds to what Germans have been led to believe is their right to expect.

Health is first and foremost a service experts are trained to provide society with. There is not an illness physical or mental for which the medical market, with an annual turnover of DM20bn, does not have some treatment or other at the ready.

Health would appear to be available in return for either a medical certificate, a prescription form or ready cash. It is felt to be a statutory right to which the individual is entitled.

The medical profession is partly responsible for this passive view of health having thrived. Diseases that used to be incurable, from tuberculosis to meningitis, are now either routine or at least curable.

Enough books of advice along these lines have been written to fill entire libraries. But the efficacy of such appeals seems to depend on more than the frequency with which they are repeated.

Medical apparatus often denigrated as inhuman, from cardiac pacemakers

to artificial organs, helps to reduce suffering and prolong lives.

On the borderline between life and death it may also, of course, raise serious ethical and moral issues. Artificial insemination — test-tube babies, for instance — is an issue in point.

Medical progress is reflected in ever longer life expectancy. Someone born in 1910 could expect a lifespan of 45 years; someone born in 1975 can, actually speaking, expect to live to the age of 75.

Does this not imply that we are growing steadily healthier? Yes, up to a point. The number of incurable diseases has declined but more and more people are dying of a handful of "killer complaints" for the lethal effect of which they are largely themselves to blame.

Four out of 10 deaths are due to heart attacks, lung cancer, cirrhosis of the liver, diabetes and traffic accidents.

Many patients can rightly hope new drugs and improved treatment will help them, but that cannot be all there is to say on the subject.

A "new health awareness" must take into account individual responsibility for the lives we lead and for our own well-being.

We most, for instance, abandon comprehensive and unfulfillable expectations of medical prowess to which we incline as a result of the utopian concept of health.

We must set aside any idea of the absolute authority of medical expertise, inasmuch as it prompts us to entrust to the medical profession the treatment of each and every minor ache and pain.

People must learn to feel healthy when they are capable, under their own steam, of tackling certain upsets that may affect their well-being in such a way as to feel neither sick nor in need of help in the process. Dagmar Deckstein

(Stuttgarter Zeitung, 18 September 1986)

## Stress, the spice of life and kiss of death

Stress, an American doctor has told a Bonn conference, is the spice of life and the kiss of death. The conference, dealing with the mechanics of stress, was attended by 200 doctors from 13 countries.

Conference organiser Professor August-Wilhelm von Eiff said important new ideas on medical aspects of stress research had come light at the gathering.

Stress was agreed to be the spice for high blood pressure and the heart attack to which it might lead.

People from families of which a member or members have been known to suffer from high blood pressure are likelier than others to suffer from it too under stress.

If they also smoke and have a high cholesterol count they will be even more likely to suffer from a heart attack.

For reasons still unclear, Professor von Eiff says, women before their menopause seldom have heart attacks. But they forfeit this natural protection by using oral contraception.

A balanced and varied diet, a quiet life and regular recreation and exercise all help to prevent a heart attack.

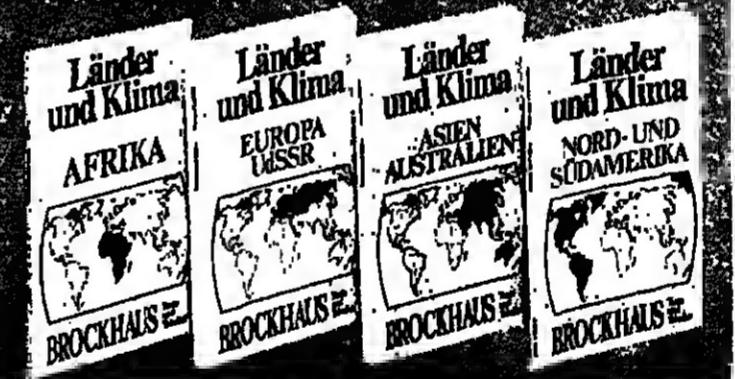
Doctors are advised to jointly devise, with patients suffering from high blood pressure, strategies to counteract its causes.

Driving instructors, for instance, may not be able to eliminate the stress their work inevitably involves, but they can at least ease the pressure by making sure they enjoy their work.

(Rheinische Post, Düsseldorf, 19 September 1986)

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The first series-produced equipment to smash gallstones by shock-wave treatment is to be marketed next spring.

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Provided the mirror is set at exactly the right angle the stone will be at the focal point and can be smashed by hundred shock waves aimed at it.

The main difficulty in developing a shock-wave device to treat gallstones was that gallstones, unlike kidney stones, are hard to identify by means of X-rays.

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Others are keen to make contact, only to find that Israelis are sensitive on such matters.

Elke, a 21-year-old student from Weil, has been working with handicapped and old people in Israel for several months. She has made many friends. "You simply have to forget any ideas of being something special as a German," she says.

She admits to having occasionally worked in Arab-Jewish projects, but doesn't volunteer the information.

When Frau Süssmuth told her Israeli hosts she would be pleased to see more young Arabs take part in exchange schemes her request was courteously received.

Ulla Plog

(Die Zeit), Hamburg, 19 September 1986

About 70,000 people a year undergo gallstone surgery in the Federal Republic. The advantage of ultrasonic and shock-wave treatment is self-evident: no operation, no attendant risk, no resulting pain.

The new device was tested on its first human guinea pig in February 1985. Fifty patients have so far been successfully treated.

Grosshadorn Clinic and the Sauerbruch Clinic in Wuppertal have concentrated on treating low-calcarous cholesterol stones, smashing up to three small stones at a session.

Specialists are now convinced patients with several larger stones can be treated in this way too.

Robert Lutz

(Rheinischer Merkur/Christ und Welt), Bonn, 19 September 1986

## HUMAN RELATIONS

# Divorce: women tending to go for broke regardless of material consequences

Women who take the initiative in seeking a divorce outnumber men six to four.

This statistic reflects a change in attitudes: women no longer think and act purely to safeguard maintenance, interests or pension rights.

Material security is not the priority. Many women are now willing to risk an uncertain future.

Psychologist Elmar Struck from Bonn refers to the altered self-esteem of women.

They are moving into areas previously dominated by males and demanding more from life.

One realistic explanation for the large number of divorces today is that women no longer let marriage restrict their self-realisation.

They make more comprehensive demands regarding personal freedom, privacy, sexuality, success and independence.

On the other hand, they still long for the opposite: closeness, togetherness, love and security.

## Court rules against separated man in spite of waiver

A divorced woman does not necessarily give up rights to maintenance because she has signed a contract saying so, a court has ruled.

If, after the contract has been drawn up, the marriage continues for a longer period — in this case 12 years — and the husband is well-off, the contractual arrangement becomes null and void.

This decision was handed down by a family affairs court in Hamm, North Rhine-Westphalia. Permission to lodge and appeal has been granted.

The court ordered a wealthy investment consultant to pay his ex-wife DM2,000 a month and to take over mortgage payments on the house.

During a marital crisis in 1970 the wife had added a waiver clause to the existing contract on separate property rights relinquishing her claim to maintenance payments "in an emergency situation, too".

Had the couple decided to get a divorce soon after this rider was added, said the court, the agreement could be described as balanced.

As a service in return, the husband agreed to pay the quite substantial debts which had accumulated by that time.

The woman was 40 and the couple's two children were aged 14 and 9 when the contract was changed.

After the extension of the contract married life returned to normal. The divorce was granted 12 years later.

The "contractual basis" of the maintenance waiver changed decisively in favour of the husband. His annual income before tax is roughly DM350,000.

It is too late for his wife (now 56) to take up a job outside the home.

The court decided that she could not be reasonably expected to accept menial employment, for example as a cleaner.

It's extremely difficult to satisfy all these desires, to turn into reality a vision of paradise which human beings have always dreamt of.

People seem less willing today to make sacrifices or accept compromises. They want paradise here and now.

If the demands made on the partner, on oneself and on life in general are not satisfied the marriage more often than not breaks down: One in three marriages is dissolved.

Many married couples decide to separate in their third year of marriage after life's realities have dispelled any illusions of marital bliss.

On the whole, however, more medium-term marriages (10 to 15 years) break down than short-term marriages (up to five years).

As head of the Catholic Advice Bureau for Marriage and Family Problems in Cologne, Erwin Peter Haep (also a psychologist), points out, unfaithfulness alone cannot be held to blame.

In his opinion a crisis generally looms

if the relationship is felt to be something static and if the male and female partners fail to perceive the relationship as a continual and dynamic process.

"In most cases," says Haep, "there is a lack of inner understanding for the fact that marriage is a task."

This explains why many people assume that being together mainly means having fun.

They claim that the need to empathise with the needs of the partner, to fully experience frustration about one self, and to undertake serious efforts to understand each other emotionally are all old-fashioned notions.

Yet the fact that children today are brought up to believe that the rational level of a relationship is the most important is a handicap when trying to experience and express emotions.

In many relationships people just live side by side without a truly emotional bond, simply because their ability to express their innermost feelings, such as a sense of belonging, closeness and warmth, is underdeveloped.

Franz-Josef Heinen, a professional Bundeswehr social worker and frequently involved in marriage guidance counselling, feels that people talk too rashly about their problems:

This is particularly true of men, who often feel obliged to present the pseudo-ideal image of a tough superman, even though this only serves to mask their underlying vulnerability, inner uncertainty and emotional loneliness.

When middle-aged many of these men take refuge in their work or career. The result is that both partners, each in a different way, suffer from the unexpressed loneliness.

Worse still is that many people take to drink or drugs to flee from their suffering and the depressions of loneliness. In reality, however, this only worsens that person's inner misery.

All marriage guidance counsellors agree that there is only one way to overcome a broken marriage: to try to find

peace of mind via self-contemplation. Too many people try to bypass sorrow they need to experience by seeking new partnerships just to confirm their loneliness, even though they are not yet mature enough for a new relationship.

The head of a group of divorce writers: "But who learns to say goodbye properly?"

"Even if the couple has not got along throughout the years and should really be happy about the separation, parting is not such sweet sorrow."

And how do you say goodbye? Is rage, hatred, anger, revenge or depression?

When people shut the door behind them they may be outside, but they have not yet said goodbye.

The only exception is if they have already "grown out" of their relationship during marriage.

Saying goodbye to one's partner is a lengthy process.

We must learn to say goodbye to part of us, of which we were very fond

of.

and which was fulfilled by the personality of the partner.

We must say goodbye to the longing for the partner.

There are "feelings" of one's own worthlessness, questions concerning the reason for the marriage breakdown and the unanswerable question of who is to blame.

Friends are suddenly no longer there. And then there is the inability to go out on the street, as it is full of angry people.

We must learn to be alone, but lonely."

The group becomes more than just a place of encounter.

A 42-year-old woman whose husband left her for a younger woman two years ago explained that in the group she "learnt to help herself".

Via the group I hope to be able to accept the unvarnished reality. I have already started to do so.

"Today I want to behave as I really am, with all my faults and good points.

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## Astounding find: love plops in at the top of the pops

Love is the number one topic in German pop songs: half of the 212 best-selling hits between 1979 and 1982 dealt with it. Sixteen of the rest mention it in passing.

A third of the lyrics in songs by the stars of the German pop scene, Karel Gott, Udo Jürgens, Roland Kaiser or Marianne Rosenberg do not mention love at all.

These are just some of the findings of a doctoral thesis by the Berlin psychologist Ingo Borchers on the general perception of couples in the Federal Republic of Germany.

"A good pop song," says Borchers, who runs a marriage and partnership guidance bureau in Berlin, "says what is already in the air anyway."

Borchers discovered that the context of most of the songs describing how a man and woman first meet is a foreign land.

It is there that the man and woman get to know each other better, generally thanks to the passionate women in the songs who are described as uninhibited ("Wild as her country"), happy and affectionate.

"It is here that pop songs clearly reflect the needs of the time," says

Günter Willumeit reacts in a reignited way to his 20-year "marital war" in his song *L.m.a.A.* (on abbreviation for an expression which more means "Get Stuffed").

Katja Ebstein tells her workaholic husband "Well, marry your office".

Not one of the 212 most successful songs in 1979 and 1980 dealt with the danger of war or environmental pollution. In 1981 there was one such song, and in 1982 as many as seven.

Does this indicate a new trend? asks Borchers: "At most the 'new German pop' seems to be moving away from stereotyped lyrics."

According to Borchers the singers clearly demand continuity, exclusiveness, togetherness and the sharing of all things in a partnership.

If mentioned at all sexuality is only hinted at: "To dance, ... and a bit more."

Only rarely do the songs describe the problems which inevitably arise in a longer relationship.

"It is here that pop songs clearly reflect the needs of the time," says

## SOCIETY

# Salvation Army marching as to war on the soup front

## DIE WELT

with society are helped by a wide range of assistants: social experts, psychologists, work and occupational therapists, administrators, nurses, nursing aides, kitchen and house personnel.

A walk through the buildings gives a taste of the life: there are workshops, services in the big hall, women's hour, bible classes and music classes. A sign on the wall announces that Jesus is coming soon.

Here come people of no fixed abode, released prisoners, alcoholics, the invalid, the prematurely old, the special cases needing help and others who find it difficult coping with life are given a bed and a roof over the head.

All the rooms are spartanly furnished and clean to the point of finickiness. There is a room where used clothing is lit and handed out.

The telephone exchange is the workroom for a blind man. There is a laundry, a bakery, a library and a video-and-television room.

But Captain Joachim Scharwächter says the home is not a home for the homeless in the accepted sense. People coming here must make a clear commitment to do something to improve their lives.

This 42-year-old with a receding hairline, beard and spectacles, knows what he is talking about. He spent about 10 years in jails in Germany and other countries for a range of offences such as attempted murder, living off immoral earnings, burglary and drinking and driving. His first offence was at the age of 15.

He is the first convicted criminal to become a Salvation Army officer in this country. The last time he got into trouble, he was on the path to finding God.

Major Müller and his wife, Helga, were there at the start and have seen it develop.

Major Müller, 52, remembers: "Because the number of youths using the house constantly dropped, the house was thrown open to released prisoners. Soon there were 80 because the prisons department sent their most hopeless cases over. The result was that the house was always over full. In the next building there was an apartment free. We rented it and later rented a second to put up staff."

In the building there was a restaurant with the nice name of *Zum Deutschen Reich*. The building was to be sold but the problem was that a brewery had purchasing priority. It gave this priority to the Salvation Army in the condition that the Army buy all its non-alcoholic drinks from the brewery for five years.

"We have two children, a home, enough to eat, pocket money of 650 mark a month. We're happy and have no problems. God guides us and protects us."

Captain Scharwächter is a good-humoured man known to everyone as Jo. He is gladly seen in the area, in metal-working shops, carpenters' workshops, garages and in building and renovation circles.

They all know his past. Because of this those in the home see in him someone who understands their problems and knows first-hand the sort of problems they have. He praises their progress and is tolerant of their failings.

Jo says: "In order to reach a therapeutic goal, everyone here capable of working is obliged to take part in work and occupational therapy. There are 180 work places so there is room for everyone because the handicapped and the aged are not required to take part."

Prayer and Work is the order of the day. Alcohol is forbidden and cigarette smoking is prohibited.

To talk about taboos and problems which could not be talked about before.

The confidence of being able to pull through conflicts together creates a really close relationship.

Sylvia Bergmann  
(Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger, 13 September 1986)

come closer to God — step by step. You have to be patient. It doesn't matter if a person is Protestant or Catholic. Everyone who has difficulty coming to terms with God and the world is helped." The Salvation Army (9,000 members in Germany and three million throughout the world) is often accused of uniformed sanctimony. One critic in Germany wrote: "I recognise their social work, but why must the talk always be of Jesus Christ?" This question doesn't embarrass Salvationists. Their public-relations officer in Cologne, Captain Karl-Helmut Gassner, says: "Helping the external signs is not a complete approach because the troubled people get themselves into frequently only a symptom of a deeper inner crisis. We are convinced that a person can be changed from inside to outside."

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